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In re Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 1634

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**RANDOM ARRAY OF MICRO-
SPHERES FOR THE ANALYSIS OF
NUCLEIC ACIDS**

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Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In response to the Final Office Action dated January 5, 2004,
please amend the above-identified application as set forth below:

Amendments to the Specification being on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.